

The 10-year Plan to Achieve Sustainability and Excellence for the US Postal Service proposed by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy that is currently under consideration is an outrage. This plan is based on the false assumption that it is acceptable to degrade the necessary services provided by the US Postal Service. It is **NOT**. We, the American people, deserve to have our postal services restored, not reduced further. Mr. DeJoy's "efficiency measures" have already destroyed over 700 high-speed mail sorting machines, paid for by us, the taxpayers. He removed existing mail drop boxes, deliberately inconveniencing the public ahead of the 2020 presidential election. He now plans to close more post offices, remove even more mailboxes, further reduce operating hours, raise prices, and slow down even First Class mail. America cannot become a first-class country again until it has first-class mail delivery again.

Our post offices and postal workers are as important as any other common good. Roads and their maintenance are not self-supporting – if they were, all would be toll roads. All taxpayers pay for such public goods as bridges, dams, emergency services, schools, and other vital infrastructure. We do not fire police officers, firefighters, etc. "for efficiency." The postal service should not be completely self-supporting either. This means that Congress must step up and pass the bipartisan reform legislation introduced earlier this year.

This plan will cause further, irreversible damage to America's post offices. More medicines will expire because they were not delivered as quickly as in prior years. More bills will be arriving late and the checks to pay them will be further delayed, costing Americans late fees and interest charges. More chicks mailed to farmers will suffocate and die for the same reason. Even FedEx and UPS use the US Postal Service to deliver "last mile" documents and packages to rural areas!

Postmaster General Louis DeJoy is also a matter of great concern. He is a massive political donor, he has conflicts of interest with his private company, he is corrupt, and he is now being investigated by the FBI for illegal campaign contributions after publicly denying any wrongdoing in a Congressional hearing last year.

All Americans support their local Post Office. It is one of the few things upon which we all agree. It is clear now what must be done: You must remove Postmaster General DeJoy from his position and reject this destructive plan and direct it be rewritten to return the Postal Service to its previous standard of excellence. The American people thank you and we are all counting on you to take action immediately.